

Wilmington Sept. 22 1895

My Dear Dr. Gray,

I send by mail  
three specimens;— one a *Ranunculus*  
which may be *R. alismifolius*  
*var. alismifolius*, but seems to  
differ in its more erect and leafy  
stem, pilose pedicels, small flowers, &c.;  
one *Solidago odora* var.? and the  
other a *Solidago* which I cannot  
place but suppose to be near *S.*  
*repens* although the leaves are  
not triple-nerved. Will you kindly  
name these for me? I enclose  
labels.

As you seem to be going over  
the Orders fern, or rather, after *Compositae*  
& *Plantaginaceae* please let  
me know what you made of  
the *Pedicularis* from McDonalds Peak

I can only see a var. of *P. proctoriana* in it.

No. 256 of my collection of 1883. There are two new species of the Northern Trans-Continental Collection of 1883 not yet published - one an *Astragalus* collected by Tweedy and Brandegee on Hills along the Columbia River, Washington Terr. being No. 613 of the former and No. 731 of the latter. I called it *A. Tweedyi* and I think Mr. Watson agreed to this. Howell also collected it in 1880 and distributed it under the name of *A. collinus*, Dougl.

The other is somewhat between ~~*Aspitella*~~ <sup>*Aspitella*</sup> and *Tellima* & *Lithospermum* but perhaps nearer the latter having however but 5 stamens! The petals are entire the seeds many and roughened the calyx tube almost cylindrical in fruit adnate to the capsule and of course enlarging with it. It would seem to require a distinct section in subdivision in *Lithospermum*. I have it marked in my Herb. as *Tellima* (*Lithospermum*)

*pentanetra*. But you can see it for yourself. It is No. 119 of my collection 1883 from Wooded Bluffs, Nevada Creek. This is west of the Rocky Mt. range. Deiters also got it near Ogden & Jefferson City on the eastern side. It is quite remarkable in its character.

I hope that you and Mrs. Gray are quite well. Mr. Cauley joins me in kindest regards to you both. As for ourselves the anticipations we had of a very pleasant visit from some charming young people have been unfortunately dissipated by one project by taking it upon him to have scarlet fever. I am thankful to say that he is about over it and that it was a very mild case leaving, we hope, no bad results except the quarantine we must submit to.

Our sincerely yours,  
Wm. H. Aubrey.